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William F. McDonald

Dear old friend

I sat myself to write you a short letter as I have a chance of sending it safely by train the times are so exciting at this time that I cant think of any thing but the army I understand that the yankees come verry near getting your company and John Stewart tells me that they got his horse well that was a pity I was truly sorry when I heard that Lieut Duff was killed I think that from all accounts that you escaped well Bill you must not think that it is my fault that I am staying at home now for we are and have been trying to get our company off ever since so get well

Bill I would be verry glad to see you you must know that I think of you every day that the king of day passes over my head and think of you & whenever he sinks behing the west I was down at Bill



Brasiers last night we had a party down there  
me and Al Church played were with Miss Lucy  
and Miss Jane Foster your sister was my partner  
and you must know we were there, sure I will  
name some of the ladies girls of this interesting  
party Miss Mollie W and Miss Crossed Mary  
I Miss Lucy Lucy yours Miss Jane Foster  
and so on myself and John Brasier Church  
Cotton and various others Bill you must  
come home as soon as you can for I want to  
see you but enough the Wilkins boys are  
about to be off with us and Bill Cotton  
William and Jennie Sherman I guess  
will go with us and they are looking for  
your Brother Tom to come home and  
you must come home if you can get off  
and you may stand a chance to get off  
here at the same time but we get off in  
two or three weeks and I would be very  
glad indeed to see you before I leave once  
more I will have a good fire fixed up



and we will have a grand time bring some  
of ~~the~~ the other boys with you Bill Magrath  
if you can I am writing this because I think  
you will be certain to come I know that  
a soldier cannot do as he pleases every time  
but I want you and Billy to come if you  
can but God only knows the future it may  
be that before you get these lines that the tide  
of war is changed considerably our army  
may have to retreat or fall back to Free  
Gravela well Bill the time is come  
when we will have to fight or die or be  
conquered and I believe that it is the firm  
resolution of every true Southerner to never  
be whipped and as long as this is the  
case we can never be conquered ~~etc~~ only by  
the ruling power of God ~~only~~ & but alas  
if God is against us we are ruined forever  
It is the duty of every one to encourage each  
other and I tell you Bill I am for Southern  
rights right enough let me go



tell the boys that I have not forgotten  
them but think of them often & I some  
sit and call back my happy days when we  
were going to B. Sch. to Claiborne & Inman  
Oh then was our happiest days but silly  
foolish boys did not know it and consequently  
we did not enjoy life at all some times we ~~were~~  
would be thinking of our future prospects  
and now what has it proved to us at last  
it certainly has learned us a great lesson  
we can & only do our duty any how and we  
must wield the sword of instruction against  
our enemies we are all well at present your  
father's family are all well I must  
close excuse my short & bad writing  
Albert H. Clark